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1. JP-A 1-220380 published September 4, 1989.
2. JP-A 5-504023 published June 24, 1993.
3. JP-A 10-92477 published April 10, 1998.
4. JP-A 2003-123854 published April 25, 2003.

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The discussion of JP-A 1-220380 begins at page 5, line 16 of the present specification. JP-A 5-504023 and JP-A 10-92477 are discussed beginning at page 5, lines 20 and 23, respectively and JP-A 2003-123854 is discussed beginning at page 17, line 7.

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